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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EALR, KU, XF

SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT DEVELOPMENT IN KUWAIT

1. ALONG WITH OTHER ARAB STATES KUWAIT RECENTLY TOOK STEPS TO REMOVE THREE AMERICAN COMPANIES FROM BOYCOTT LIST. COMPANIES ARE UNITED ARTISTS CORP., TRANS-AMERICA CORP., AND YARDNEY CHEMICAL INC., AS WELL AS LARGE NUMBER SUBSIDIARIES AND FOREIGN BRANCHES OF THESE COMPANIES.

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2. AS APPARENTLY IS TRUE ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION THERE IS HERE

NITICEABLE INCREASE IN SPECULATION THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES WILL BE REMOVED FROM BOYCOTT LIST. RECENTLY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN MOTORS AND FORD HAVE BEEN MAKING INQUIRIES HERE. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER KUWAIT CHAMBER COMMERCE TOLK EMBOFFS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS FORD IS ALTERING ITS OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL WITH THE AIM OF HAVING THE COMPANY TAKEN OFF THE ARAB BOYCOTT. HE INDICATED THAT IF THE COMPANY DOES INDEED FOLLOW CERTAIN STEPS, WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD MEAN ENDING ITS MANUFACTURING/ASSEMBLING OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE REMOVED FROM BOYCOTT.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION BY EMBOFFS KUWAIT CHAMBER COMMERCE OFFICIAL DENIED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY NEW POLICIES ADOPTED BY CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DAMASCUS. SPECIFICALLY HE DENIED THAT ESTABLISHING AN OPERATION IN THE ARAB WORLD EQUIVALENT TO ONE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE BY A BOYCOTTED COMPANY IN ISRAEL WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO REMOVE THE COMPANY FROM THE BOYCOTT.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: AFTER READING REPORTS FROM OTHER POSTS AND SPEAKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN OUR IMPRESSION IS (A) THAT NO SPECIFIC NEW MEASURES WHICH WOULD EASE THE BOYCOTT HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED BUT, (B) SOME IMPORTANT COMPANIES, MOST NOTABLY FORD MOTOR COMPANY ACTIVELY SEEKING TO GET THEIR NAMES OFF THE BOYCOTT LIST. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT SHARES THIS VIEW, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION IT CAN PROVIDE REGARDING ACTIONS BY AMERICAN COMPANIES TO REMOVE THEIR NAMES FROM ARAB BOYCOTT LIST.  
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